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## BETWEEN OURSELVES

In the last issue of the little paper we spoke of the pleasure had in visiting a wonderful bit of acreage given over to Pæonies and Iris. We named a few Pæonies of very high class but of comparatively low price that were in bloom in that garden.

It is so satisfactory to the flower lover to have a specific name for a pleasing flower that it was thought perhaps worth while to mention at this time a number of beautiful Iris that were in bloom at the time we enjoyed the Pæony Show.

Iris have a way of running out of sight in price when you make inquiry concerning special and rare sorts. For instance you may secure the beautiful Arnolds for say 25 cents and the distinguished Avalon for 25 dollars.

But at this warm season of the year let us not mention the sorts that strain and depress us when their prices are ascertained. Let us list a few sorts that come within the range of all who must have good things but who also feel impelled to resist the temptation to spend airplane prices.

Arnolds, with rosy bronze standards and rich velvety purple falls, Aurea; with standards and falls a rich chrome yellow; this is a long established sort and a general favorite, Fairy, white with delicate border of encroaching blue, this is the tallest of the sorts that gives a general white effect, Flavescent; for massing splendid, a yellow; old and well known but still a favorite; Jacquesiana; Standards a bright metallic crimson, the falls a rich maroon. Maori King, Standards a rich yellow, and falls a lovely crimson bordered with gold. A very brilliant variety. Loreley; Standards light yellow, falls ultra marine, Mithras; Standards light yellow, falls a beautiful wine color with a bordered edge of deep yellow, Pallida Dalmatica; Standards lavender and falls clear deep lavender, Quaker Lady; Standards smoky lavender, falls steely blue and old gold. This is splendid. Pallida Dalmatica just mentioned is one of the oldest forms we have in cultivation. A universal favorite. Rhein Nixe; Standards white and falls violet blue with white edges. Splendid in every way. Striking and rememberable. Wyomissing; Standards creamy white, falls deep rose base with flesh colored shadings towards edges.

One might continue the list but the above represents a listing that I would be glad to hear any criticisms upon, as perhaps as good a selection as one might make. It would be pleasing to hear of an additional ten with pointed descriptions from many of the readers who are Iris lovers. All are Iris lovers, as a matter of fact, but some have not thought to take time to learn the names of their favorites. All plants are rather more intimate with us if we extend to them the courtesy of acquaintance with their names.

Long spurred Columbines were at their best along the walk borders in this wonderfully well filled garden. What particularly was lovely, were the French developed double Lilacs. When you see them you will want them

among your own collections. The Hybrid Day Lilies, improvements in the Hemerocallis were delightful to see. Of these Apricot, Aureole, Flava Major, Luteola Major, Queen of May, Sir Michael Foster and Kwanso Fl. Pl. were in flower. They are fine; all of them.

And the Oriental Poppies blooming on Memorial day were gorgeous. What great flaming wavy silken petals they flaunt. They are truly gorgeous and all of us should enjoy them. We noted Princess Victoria Louise, a soft salmon rose colored beauty, and Mrs. John Hawkins large and of a beautiful shade of pink, and then there was Cerise Beauty of large soft salmon pink colors, and Edna Perry also with soft salmon pink shades. The deep mahogany maroon sort-Mahonoy-is a delight and very striking.

At the Botanic Garden in Bronx Park at New York on May 15th were wonderful exhibits of our Darwin, Breeder and Cottage Tulips. It would be well for the friends who have year after year been satisfied to just plant the lovely early single and double tulips to come to realize what the Darwins, and Breeders really are. When seen for the first time they astound. The Darwins are the showiest of fine self colors. The brightest of all Tulips. They stand up to 36 inches tall and delight everyone. Set out some Darwins and Breeders this fall. You will never be without them thereafter. Many enjoyed the flower exhibition and the Darwin and Breeder Tulips were supreme in appeal in late spring. There are no yellows among the Darwins. The Breeders are the unbroken forms of old Florist's Tulips and in appearance similar to the Darwins. They are rather more sombre and brown; bronze and purple shades are rather characteristic. Enjoy Breeders and Darwins and Cottage Tulips in the spring of next year by planting freely this fall.

J. R. Eddy.

## Floral Notes.

Take your cuttings of Roses in June and July and root them in sand. To increase your stock of shrubs take the cuttings from first frost till it freezes—not in the summer time. Tie in bundles six inches long. Place in sand upside down and put in sand in a cellar over winter. In the spring just set out the sticks (root end down this time, of course) in rows in the garden and keep free of weeds. You will get good shrubs in the course of a few years by using this method of propagation. Climbing Roses, also rooted this way.

Aphids or plant lice, red spiders, thrips and mealy bugs are the insects that will give you the most bother. The green and black lice and flies (that is the aphids and the thrips) are best handled by spraying with such solutions as Black Leaf Forty, instructions for the use of which accompany the packages, which can be had from the drug stores. Mealy bug, which is a nuisance when once established, is best brushed off with something as effective as a tooth brush, and fir tree oil and plain alcohol will also kill the mealy bug. A drop of

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LaPark, Pennsylvania.

## PROPAGATION OF REX BEGONIAS

Propagation of Rex Begonias, their needs and requirements to establish young plants is not a very difficult matter and I prefer to start my own new plants and watch over them closely. Rex Begonias can be easily increased by laying a leaf on moist sand. A pan of leaf mould and fine sand is the first thing, then cut off a leaf cutting through the ribs of the leaf and with tooth picks fasten down in to the sand lightly. Sometimes I cut away the edge of leaf if large, keep the sand moist; not too much

moisture or the leaves will decay; plenty of little tiny plants will be the result. Don't disturb your pan of young plants to see if they are rooting. Just wait a little and great will be your reward. After the tiny little plants are large enough to handle I pot them off in small pots containing leaf mould fine sand and a little loam. Sink these little pots in a shallow box of loam to keep them moist, and yet not too much moisture. Don't neglect at this stage of the game or failures will result.

I am constitutionally opposed to failures hence don't have many. These young plants should after potting be treated as any seedling, till large enough to again pot into a size larger pots. Set these young plants close to the glass out of the sun and drafts. My Begonias after decoration day are placed on wire stands on an east porch, where for a short time each morning they get the sun. They are repotted at this time and carefully cared for. I do not use very large pots except for my Palmata and

Spiralis which are very large plants. So few florists now list fine plants of the decorative sort with fine ornamental foliage, at least I do not know of any. So many have written me wanting to know where to buy fine plants. I would like to know where to find *Alocasias* new Begonias especially *Manicata* *Dichroa* (fibrous shrubby habit with large glossy green leaves) *Olibia*; large elongated foliage and Mrs. Kimball; upright grower elongated foliage. These are beautiful but I have not been able

to get them. *Ingraham* is another decidedly fine Begonia. I saw a few days ago a large Begonia of the *Ricinae* *folia specia* foliage dark Indian Red palmate leaf in deeply cutpoints stalks fleshy covered with fine hair or spines, leaf stalk also covered with hair bloom; stalk at least 3 feet high; large spray of deep peach pink bloom, seemed almost double blooms, resemble those of *Ducharter*. Who has this in the band? Or at least knows where it can be procured. I



REX BEGONIAS.

tried to buy this Begonia but could not do it. I have just seen an upright grower. I would like to hear from some one who knows of a florist growing fine Begonias. In regard to my first article on fine Begonias the letters are pouring in. Most of them forget stamps. I must say I have no plants to dispose of. A large green house would almost fail to have enough plants to fill the present demand. Surely our little Magazine is read and appreciated by well I don't know, but just a whole lot. If I wrote

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## THE INCENSE OF THE FLOWERS.

This rich abundance of the Rose, its breath;

On which I almost think my soul could live—

This sweet ambrosia which even in death

Its leaves hold on to give,

Whence is it? From the dank earth or scentless air?

Or from the inner sanctuaries of heaven?

We prove the branch, the root—no incense there,

O God, Whence is it given?

Is it the essence of the morning dew,

Or distillation of a purer sphere—

The breath of the Immortals coming through

To us immortals here?

Exquisite mystery! my heart devours

The living inspiration, and I know

Sweet revelations with the breath of flowers

Into our beings flow.

• Robert Leighton.

## CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

I never pass a lawn lined with Chrysanthemums without wishing I were an oil king, ex-munition maker or coal dealer, so I could buy the place. I often contemplate repassing it after night and—but I'll not tell the rest—so great is my admiration for Chrysanthemums, and in the foot-ball season what glorious, pretty girls carrying great bouquets of "mums" and throwing them to the winners, almost makes one wish that life were one continual foot-ball game. (For some of us, in deadly earnest, it is all too near that!)

One time on sick leave I visited the old home and found my mother had in the past year or two been stricken with the 'mum mania. She had rows and rows and clumps of them, some white, some pink, and different shades of red



(I am indefinite in the shades of red, except Russian); also the yellow ones, and when I say that I do not mean merely yellow, I mean deeply so, even to make an Indian warrior weep that he couldn't ape the tint. Well I got gloriously intoxicated with them and all the amend-

ments in the world could not have prevented it: for the smell of those 'mums put Budweiser to open shame, driving one delicious with their beauty and fragrance, and a "toot" on them didn't send you back to duty the morning after with the ginger-bread taste burnt in your mouth, far from it, you could go back marvelously refreshed.

Another thing that endeared the 'mum family to me was that during the first outbreak of the terrible scourge we know too well; if you remember aright it was about 'mum time, and I saw hundreds of designs made up from autumn leaves and Chrysanthemums in Army, Navy and Marine insignia, anchors, crosses, sprays, etc., to do honor to the uniformed dead from the hospitals of New York. (I saw too many flag-covered boxes go, and may my poor eyes never see such again.) To go back to the flowers, I thought they were fitting tributes to those who had done what they could. In the glad Resurrection may the Amaranths bloom as gloriously for them there as the Chrysanthemums did for their last slumber here!

One more and then I am through. When the glad news of the Armistice struck Gotham, I was fortunately recovered enough to be in the street, and if the uniformed man never come into his own, even until that day, why that one would have fully recompensed him for whatever had or had not been. There were crowds and—well I couldn't tell it all, but flags and flowers, and the most of the flowers were 'mums. A pretty girl came running up to me and she was sputtering "Finie La—something" and she gave me unsolicited a great big Chrysanthemum and half a dozen—kisses! Oh that was a wonderful day; it made one feel that the war with all its slaughtering that left the Nations tottering, was well worth what it cost. The 'mums are now flowers of Victory. I shall always love Chrysanthemums and I hope that they have them in heaven.

Ex-Sea-Weed.

## FLORAGRAMS.

Three plants grew fine on the north side of the house. Castor Beans at the back, Cannas in front and red Four O'Clocks as a border, and Double White Morning Glories grew in the same corner. If you plant your Glories where the sun strikes them late you get a longer period of blooms.

Those glorified vegetables again. This year it was Dasheens. Roots are to be cooked and eaten like potatoes. Leaves, when young, like greens. That is for the warm South. Here in Massachusetts they make a fine bold plant like Caladium E. I think they will do with some less water and their leaves have the advantage of being tougher and better able to withstand hard winds. They are not as tender in regard to frost.

The Government Bureau put out seeds of a new Okra, a native of the Caucasian Mountains. It has a large Hibiscus like bloom and the largest seed pods I ever saw on Okra. They are curious and very ornamental. Such vegetable flowers are rightly planted with the Herbs, Chives and Asparagus.

Why, can you tell me, do we not see the old, sweet smelling spicy currant the old gardens always grew? I know where just one grows. I almost envy that bush.

Bertha N. Norris,



**FLOWERS.**

How do you do, dear sisters of "Parks?"

How many of you love flowers? Hands up! Well, I believe nearly every hand from Maine to California is up. That settles it! Now I do not see why we cannot have a nice cosy chat about our homes and flowers.

You see we have been having our hearts all wrapped up in caring for our soldier boys for so long that our flowers have been badly neglected; but now, that the war is over and the boys are free, we are justified in revelling in flowers or anything that will make our homes bright and the best place on earth for the lad-

wholesome, that our homes may reflect the love and brightness that we seek to impress upon the hearts and lives of our families.

Flowers are little sun-flecked, dew-kissed gifts of love the Master has generously strewn along life's pathway, to gladden the lonely hours and brighten the gloomy places.

You have only to take a stroll into the country during spring and summer, and you will find them tucked away under hedges, in the open fields, along the highway and brookside, and they bloom just as sweetly by the lowly cabin door as in the stately palace garden. They are the true symbols of love and we give them freely on all occasions. To the lover;



dies to come to after their wearying sojourn in foreign lands. And it is a sweet privilege to set apart and tenderly care for a favorite Rose, or a pure white Lily, with its fragrant golden heart, in memory of the precious one that is peacefully sleeping somewhere in France.

We have learned one solemn lesson thoroughly, and that is, our boys are dearer and of greater value to us and the world, than we ever dreamed; so, let us try and make this coming winter the very best of winters, by bringing into it everything: pure, sweet and

the bride; the young graduate; and they are laid tenderly upon the graves of our loved and lost, so we cannot afford to be without them in our homes.

Right now 'tis the time to prepare for them if we would enjoy their beauty and fragrance during the long winter months.

We can indulge in a perfect riot of bloom during summer, but unless one has a special collection and a suitable place to keep that collection, it is better by far to have a few fine, well kept plants, for winter in the house, than a conglomerate mass (I was about to say

mess) of plants to clutter up our rooms and darken our windows; for, if that is the case, then flowers lose their efficacy and become an annoyance instead of a pleasure, and they also lose much of their beauty and sweetness, while we are robbed of the message they would bring.

An east or south window is the best for a winter window garden, but do not think you cannot have plants if you have only a north window, for you can. Palms, Ferns, Dracaena and Sanseveria and a number of other plants will just revel in a north room if it is light and the atmosphere is moist; though, of course, plants that bloom do not bloom so well. I have had good success, however, with Primroses, Oxalis, Cyclamen, Impatiens, Violets and Pansy.

For the amateur, or for anyone, the good old stand-by Geraniums, Coleus, Fuchsias and Begonias and yes, the Sultanias, are the best. If one doesn't have to economize there are the beautiful Jasmines (Grand Duke, Maid of Orleans and Gracillimum), the Primroses (Primula Obconica, Sinensis and Malacoides), Hibiscus, Genista (Canariensis), Swainsonia and of course others.

From June until late in September is the time to prepare for the house plants for winter blooming. For Geraniums and other plants take off cuttings of ripened or mature stock and insert them in moist sand and place over

they will be more appreciated than expensive presents.

Soil for potting should be composed of thoroughly pulverized sods or garden mould three-fourth parts and thoroughly rotted cow manure one-fourth part, with a small percentage of sand, especially for Palms, Ferns, Begonias, and Fuchsias and about one-third sand for Cacti.

To insure beautiful, thrifty plants, give an occasional application of soot or charcoal tea (or ammonia, one tablespoonful) to a gallon of warm water. Nitrate of Soda sprinkled around on the top soil is also good, but you must be careful not to let the Nitrate come in contact with the foliage, and do not use it on Begonias or Fuchsias at all. To children, bulbs are rather more interesting than plants, especially those grown in water.

The Chinese Sacred Lily, Narcissus (Poeticus, Paper-White and Bicolor Victoria) also Cyperus (Alternifolius) are fine grown in water.

Children take a delight in filling the shallow glass dishes half full of pebbles and pretty shells, then help them place the bulbs on them and put in more pebbles to hold the bulbs firmly in place, then fill the dishes with clear water up to the base of the bulb; set them in a sunny window and you can expect blossoms in three or four weeks. Do not try to pour off the water, as that will disturb the roots, just fill up as it is necessary. There are a number of beautiful bulbs that it is a real pleasure to grow.

What is sweeter than a pot of fragrant Hyacinths, or purer than the waxy-white Fuchsias? Even the dainty Oxalis is a bright and cheerful little thing and is nearly always in bloom. Then what can be more gorgeous than a flaming Amarillis or a stately Lily. "Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these," yet, they are so easily grown.

Now just a word about hanging baskets, they are lovely and not hard to care for. The best plants I have tried for them are the trailing Abutilon, Weeping Lantana, Coleus (Trailing Queen), the Tradescantias, Vinca (Variegata), Nepeta and Isophylla (Falling Star). But there! I must stop or our good Editor will chuck me, as well as this letter, in the scrap basket and put the lid on and the next thing I will hear will be,

"Now will you be good?" and I don't want to be good, for it is so hard to quit talking about flowers when there is so much to say, and I love them so much. Even Dog-Fennel is pretty, though it does smell furious and is a nuisance.

Docia Weaver Hadley

## FLORAL FRIEND'S CORNER.

Dear Floral Friends, I want to say a word in favor of an old-fashioned flower, and that is the Petunia, single or double. I have them every year; they take so little care and are so fragrant; I think solid colors look best, that is the white in one bed and so on. As for Gladiolus, plant real deep, plenty of manure and sunshine, and they will repay your care. I wish to say that if the sour flies attack your pot plants, just stir a little unleached wood ashes in and good-bye sour flies. Try Sweet Alyssum to carpet your Canna bed. Oh, yes, Antoine Lotus please join our club. How I wish I could see Chrysanthemum's Narcissus. Mine have not bloomed as yet.

Rose.



CYCLAMENS

them a pane of glass or turn glasses over the plants and put them in a warm, partially shaded window, or better still, just put them out of doors under large plants, where they can get the morning sun, turning glasses over each plant and keep them moist; then in September they should be taken up and potted, but left out in the yard or on the porch until there is danger of frost or getting chilled. If cuttings of Geraniums, Begonias, Petunias, etc., are taken from blooming stock they will come into bloom much quicker.

To keep large plants uniform, just snip off outstanding branches and use them for cuttings too, all of them, don't waste any of them, for they will make fine plants, and you know Christmas time is coming and there are friends, the sick, and dear old people will appreciate a pretty blooming plant. Just put lots of love into these little nature gifts and you will find



**LIGHTS ALONG THE SHORE.**

When the ship is port inclining,  
And the port is clear before,  
Oh how wonderful the shining  
Of the lights along the shore.

When behind us is the ocean  
We have safely sailed again,  
All forgotten are the labors  
And the calm and storm and stain.  
For no matter what bestride it,  
Gallantly our ship out-rode it  
And is home—is home again!

Lights, of life along the harbor;  
What a tale their brightness tells,  
Conjured in each sailor's memory  
And a mystic something else.  
Lilting lanes of light and laughter,  
And the happiness thereafter,  
With no thought of watch or bells.

(Wondrous tales to tell the landmen,  
Wondrous weavings—half untrue—  
Yet withal a wondrous broadness,  
Gathered from the outer blue;  
Till you cannot help but love him,  
E'en as sun and stars above him  
Understand and love him too!)

Shine, O lights along the harbor,  
May your glory ne'er be dimmed,  
Though the line be reefy ridden,  
Rocky ribbed or sandy rimmed  
Though we praise you not in words,  
Not like songs of homing birds—  
But the heart is over-brimmed.

When upon the last long voyage,  
I shall go to come no more,  
With the Land-I Know behind me  
And the Great-Unknown before,  
Then whatever clouds have drifted  
Over me shall all be lifted,  
By the lights along the Shore.

Sea-Weed

**FLORAL FRIEND'S CORNER.**

Floral Friends' Corner:

Please, dear Floral Sister, uproot that pestiferous burdock from your shady spots and substitute American Bee Balm (Monarda didyma), also known as Mountain Mint, Oswego Tea, Indian Plume, etc., etc., and you will have a Perennial of "beauty and a joy forever", especially to the bees, butterflies and humming-birds. Scarlet or purple are preferable, tho a little of the white is pretty by contrast.

Prejudice against the good old medicinal "yarb"? Perhaps so, for memory recalls a small figure with a treasured book and tangled curls fleeing the detested dish-washing, straight into the octopus-like grasp of a clump of burdocks at blossom (?) time. Oh, retribution, swift and sure, and no recourse but barber-ism, self-inflicted, followed by barberism, parentally inflicted, and still more barber-ism. Tho time has transformed that shorn head till it resembles nothing so much as a dandelion at seed-time the owner is still waging war on every specimen of the Arctium family that obtrudes its head on the home grounds.

"Corydalis"

Captain\*Azalea:

May I sit down just for a minute and have a cup of your splendid tea? Just one lump, please; thank you. And now, before I go, I want to suggest that Corydalis tell us to which flower family she belongs, as I've "Read the Catalogues from cover to cover; looked inside, and outside, and under and over," and I've utterly failed to find her mentioned anywhere. I'd also like to suggest that we give our "nickname" with our true one when we join the

group of tea drinkers, as in that way we may recognize each other more readily. All in favor say I.

(Columbine) Aquilegia, R, 1.

Dear Floral Sisters:

May I come in and sit beside Sunshine? She is from my home State, and I'll not feel so bashful. May I have a cup of tea, very weak and no sugar. I wonder how many of the Sisters have raised Dahlias from seed. Treat just as you would tomato plants, give lots of room and cultivate; the blossoms are as fine as those from tubers. Iris are also easy to raise from seed. The Kaempferi Iris are fine. Let's all rally to our brave Captain's standard and not let LaMaripasa have a chance to get too chesty. We should have lots of love in our Corner, so I am  
Nigella

Yesterday I went on a stroll for wild flowers and gathered quantities of a small perennial, like miniature daisies, an inch and more across white with yellow centers. The blossoms literally cover the plant, which grows from ten inches to a foot high, resembles the Ox-eye Daisy of the Eastern States. This plant being a perennial, would make a lovely yard plant for borders, coming so early in spring, and like almost all the desert flowers, it is very fragrant.  
Wild Rose.

To all the floral sisters and brothers also who plant Sweet Peas, plant also thickly, a good row of carrots, and when you make up your bouquets of peas put in here and there a long-stemmed carrot leaf and see how the fine cut leaves improve its looks. Many people to whom I gave bouquets asked what kind of fern it was. I use only the young, finer leaves for the smaller flowers, but the large leaves are nice to mix with Dahlias, Asters and Roses. Just try them and watch results; you'll hear some one say with surprise, and sometimes, disgust, Carrots! One woman insisted that they were some kind of a fern in spite of my telling her emphatically that they were plain Carrot. I hope every one has their Sweet Peas planted also. Earlier the better. Planted mine March 15th.  
Aquilegia.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

From Miss M. G., Indiana, Pa.:

Please tell me what kind of pest is bothering my Rose bush. They are little scales like chaff, as near as I can tell you. They killed my Rose and now they are on my Lemon Tree. I keep them hunted out as good as I can. What would be good for them?

This is probably one of the insect pests known as "scale". If plants are grown in greenhouses scale can be controlled by the use of hydrocyanic acid gas. If grown as house plants, or in the outdoor garden, remove as many of the larger scale as possible by hand and spray plants twice a week with a solution of Black Leaf 40, using a teaspoon of Black Leaf to a quart of water.

Mrs. Wm. T., Birdsboro, Pa.:

I am going to ask some questions that have been puzzling me. How old must Night Blooming Cereus be before it blooms? What is the cause of the American Wonder Lemon dropping its fruit? What is the cause of my Cape Jessamine not growing? It has a bud, but it is only a few inches high, and the bud does not seem to get any larger.

The Cape Jessamine must be kept growing rapidly for best results. They must not be allowed to become potbound and they should be given plenty of light, giving them a southern exposure, if possible. As soon as the plants have been repotted into 5 or 6 inch pots, they may be given liquid manure every two weeks. Avoid over watering in dull, dark weather.

There are a number of things that might cause the American Wonder Lemon to drop its fruit, such as extreme change of temperature, over watering, or allowing the soil to dry out.

The Night Blooming Cereus that we know started blooming when they were five or six years old. None have bloomed before the fifth year and some have not bloomed until the eighth.

Miss A. B. P., New Alexandria, Pa.:

I would like to ask when to get slips and how to start a Rose to grow? What kind of fertilizer is best for an Oleander?

What kind of Rose? Roses may be propagated from June until frost from outdoor Roses. Three-eye cuttings are best, and these should be made from flowering stalks. Use clean sand to root cuttings in. As soon as plants have roots one-half inch long pot up into three inch pots, using three parts garden loam and one part decomposed manure. Keep shaded during heat of day, give them plenty of air, but avoid drafts. Syringe frequently to prevent aphid and red spider. For next repotting add bone meal to soil. Dust with flowers of sulphur for mildew.

One part acid phosphate, four parts bone meal and one part dried blood may be used as a top dressing to fertilize Oleander.

Miss A. E. D., Coudersport, Pa.:

I have three Crinums. Large, healthy looking plants, one is five, the other two are three years old. They do not bloom or show signs of it. I have given them fresh soil from time to time and larger pots until I have each in a ten quart pail. What could be the reason? I have also several Primroses, and on some of them the edges of the outer leaves begin to dry up and remain on the stem until quite dead. I have lost five of twenty Primroses in this way.

Crinums usually bloom in from one to three years. They flower best if allowed to remain semi-dormant through the winter. Be sure your pails have holes in bottom to allow free drainage. Top dress the soil with two parts bone meal and one part dried blood or five parts well-rotted manure.

Primroses may be affected with leaf spot. Spray with standard fungicide (copper carbonate). Give plants plenty of drainage, keep dead flowers removed, and don't over water, but never let soil become dry.

Mrs. A. C., Curleysville, Pa.:

I would like very much to know what ails my Begonias? I have some fine ones; but the last few weeks the leaves are dropping off just as if they were cut off. I can find no worms or insects. Several of the plants are now merely standing bare stalks.

Is hard to give an opinion on this query without knowing the culture the plants have been receiving and the variety of Begonia. Falling of Begonia leaves may be due to lack of light, or improper watering. Avoid over watering. If plants have a powdery mildew on stems, dust with flowers of sulphur.

### FLORAL FRIENDS' CORNER.

Dear Corner Members:

Thank you; no tea this morning. Can't stay but a minute. How many of you flower lovers are troubled with plant lice? Try using Whale Oil Soap. Dissolve one pound of the soap in five gallons of hot water. When cool, use this as a spray, after which wash the stems of the plants. It may be necessary to spray again on the day following the first spraying. Three or four sprayings, indeed, may be necessary to kill the lice. If no garden syringe is handy, use a whisk broom. Tobacco water may be made this way: Pour a gallon of boiling water over one pound of tobacco stems; let stand a day, keeping it warm; then strain and use as a spray. After an hour or so spray again and dust with tobacco dust. Next day wash with carbolic soap suds, follow by a shower of tepid water. Hoping this may help some one.

Cyclamen.

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**FLORAL FRIENDS' CORNER.**

Dear Floral Friends:

No tea, thanks, just a glass of milk, please. That is a splendid idea, getting new members into our Circle. I see that L. W., of Illinois, does not repot her *Amaryllis*, so I will tell you my experience. My mother had a bulb that was given her and she did not know how to care for it, and it never blossomed for her. She gave it to me in the spring of 1919. I put it in my porch-box for the summer. In September I took the bulbs up, let them dry, then put in a paper sack in the cellar. On January 11, 1920, I potted the bulbs and left them in cellar. January 24 brought up to south window; February 8 buds began to show, March 8 a beautiful salmon blossom nodded to me, and I was so glad that my mother could see it while in bloom. I'll run along now, before some of you say, my sakes, is she wound up forever? As my middle name is Myrtle, I will use it whenever I come to the tea party, as I haven't noticed any of the other flowers taking that name.

Myrtle

A. R. C.—I, too, love the flowers of our common native plants. The Dandelion is beautiful, a shade of yellow not found in any other flower: the Milkweed flower is, I am sure, as beautiful as the bloom of the rare *Hoya*, which it resembles very much; the bloom of the Elder, so white and dainty. I often admire them. The wild Crab Apple, its blossoms of a dainty pink, are also admired. What can be more beautiful than the blossoms of the Partridge Berry and Wintergreen? Although small, they are like little white plush. Forget-Me-Nots, the wild Violets are not to be overlooked, many shades of blue, also white; many clumps are growing in my border, transplanted very carefully. It would be impossible to tell of all the pretty flowers of our States, and to think that some people don't have a plant in their window or in their yard, and do not know the names of common plants. What a pleasure they are missing in their lives.

Ima.

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## FLORAL FRIENDS' CORNER.

I have thought of coming to the garden party for some time, but have not ventured. In fact, I have written several times to the Magazine and so far have not seen many things I have written printed. I think the Editor may have used them for kindling wood the cold mornings of the winter just past; how was it, Editor?

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I have just been reading W. B. Armstrong's letter, telling about the Pink Moss Rose. It was real interesting. I have some plants that I value very highly on account of the old memories they bring, and the most highly prized is a little old-fashioned White Rose; the leaves are fine and the Roses are small, come in clusters, about seven in a bunch, and in spring it is covered with the little white Roses. It belonged to my grandmother and it crossed the plains in 1852 in a Prairie schooner, drawn by oxen, and when grandma settled in her new home in this then wild country, she planted a garden and the little white Rose grew in that garden, and when she and grandpa were too old to farm, they sold the farm and moved into town, and the little white Rose moved into town with them, and just before my dear grandmother passed on, she had me move the little white Rose to my home; that was about fifteen years ago. For a long time I was afraid I would lose it, but I changed it and gave it new rich earth last year and now it looks like it had taken a new lease of life. Well, I will say good-bye, and sign my name

Mountain Lily, of California.

### Dear Floral Friends:

This is a cold, rainy night, and I know I shall enjoy a chat with you while sipping a cup of hot tea. Thanks, Azalea. Now allow me to tell you of a piece of skillful surgery I performed on a Christmas Cactus (*Epiphyllum truncatum*). Last spring the plant began to have a shriveled appearance, and on examining the roots found them to be badly decayed (caused, no doubt, by too much water and not enough sunlight). The best branches were cut off and inserted in fresh, sandy soil, to the depth of two inches. New roots soon developed, a fresh, vigorous growth took place and now it is a nice plant.

Anna C. Wienecke:—Please do not lose faith in every bronze Iris because some have been disappointing. Last year I visited a florist in a neighboring city and saw, for the first time, the new Iris, Prosper Langier, in full bloom; I truly thought it one of the most beautiful varieties in his garden. The blossom is large, the standards light red bronze, the falls dark ruby purple, resembling the richest velvet. I shall add it to my collection this year.

"Irish Rose"—The old Celtic story is new to me. I thank you for it. A school Professor always called me "Daisy", as he preferred that name to the French one, with the same meaning.

"Magnolia":—We are delighted to have you with us, come often. I planted White Lilies in my garden as a memorial for Edith Porter Kimball.

"Althea":—Too much moisture in the soil will often cause Iris coroms to rot; and if grown in a heavy shade the flower stems are tall and slender and not strong enough to support the large blossoms. I transplanted mine into the open border and they are much more satisfactory. Have you thought of trying Lily of the Valley or the Fuchsias in the part of your border that is wet and shaded? That would be an ideal place for our native Wild Flowers (those found in the woods).

"Holly":—I forgive you, and please get up quickly, just see how nervous poor "Irish Rose" is becoming because of our little discord. If it affects many of the others as seriously, and they clamor for a seat near "Catnip". I hardly know what Captain "Azalea" will do. Now while quiet is being restored in the Corner, and since I for one wish to accompany you for a visit to Antoine Soares dream garden, may we not go at once?  
Marguerite.



## FLORAGRAMS.

A paper of Annual Chrysanthemums gave me first large white, with dark centre, then later a single yellow, with larger leaf, then a double yellow with finer foliage. I think the large white I had seen once in the market, labeled "Paris Daisy." I sowed the seeds in a cold frame and transplanted to garden and it was a "freezing frost" that killed them.

A bed of white Petunias was a joy for a long time, and so sweet in the evening; they knew when it was "four-o'clock," for two or three plants of them said so.

Marigolds! who loves the Marigolds? how they did blossom, first the tall African, two



MARIGOLD

shades of orange, then the lemon. Yes, I know they are loud in their fragrance, but I love them; then the velvet or French, not so tall but oh, such a wealth of blossoms and the beautiful colors, such beautiful shades. They were much admired and so many flowers from one root. They wore a cloth raiment some nights, for I could not let them go. One thing my mother used to tell me; that my Marigolds would blossom and their color would improve as the hot sun of September and cooler nights came. Many times I have seen the tall African Marigolds in small pots, with one large blossom, for sale May 30, and more than once I have been told "they did not grow." They are so easily grown from seed, and you can take them up and transplant when quite large.

Mimosa; sensitive plant; easily grown from seed when planted in a box and transplanted to pots. How some are "mystified" when you ask them to touch a leaf. A dear little pink blossom they love; too sensitive, well, I guess so, but there is lots of fun with them.

For many years I have understood that the birth flower for January was the Wild Rose. Now I see some claim it is a Snowdrop; but I like the Wild Rose best and couple that with the fact that New York is the State of my nativity, I feel that I am justly entitled to the chair that should belong to, or is reserved, for Wild Rose. However I do not wish to joustle any of the other Rose's out of a seat, and if chairs are scarce I will just stand behind Valerian. I, too, am proud of the fact that I am a born New Yorker, a native of the Empire State.

"Wild Rose."

Dear Friends:

Have you ever tried growing plants that are native in a cooler climate? Some evergreens that are not found in our woods seem to thrive here when transplanted, and it seems likely that smaller plants might do so. I should like to try a wee garden of the "old country" plants famed in story, but do not know the botanical names of some, nor yet where to obtain them. Can anyone tell me what plant used to be called "Lad's Love"? It was a shrub or a tall herb. Then there is a tiny plant called "Lemon Balm." It is not the ordinary balm, but is lower, more delicate, and lemon-scented.

And do you know if any heather is found in this country? Its "front name" is Erica, but in Scotland it has several varieties. The common, or blue, heather, and the red, or bell, heather are the better known varieties, not that either is red or blue, but rather that the purple of the bell heather is more reddish in tinge than that of the common variety; Fraoch gorm and Fraoch dearg, they are called in Gaelic. The bell heather is the larger, and its individual flowers are formed much like those of the grape hyacinth. There is also a white heather, and a 5-leaved heather; still another, very similar to the bell heather, is called Menzies heath. The gorse, the wild thyme, and the trailing azalea, are also well worth considering, nor is the broom to be despised.

Bell Heather.

## AN OPEN LETTER.

We who are spared to tend the garden we love so well will not forget the loved ones that once were with us, and whose names we looked forward to seeing as we received our little Park, and are now with the Angel Band. I like to think they are with us still; perhaps not far away; at least they are not forgotten, as memories bring them back to us. I hope in "our-home-coming-number" we'll hear from some of our old-time readers that have let their pens grow rusty.

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Rudbeckia Newmanii  
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Sage, Broad-leaved  
Shasta Daisy  
Alaska White  
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Sweet Rocket, Tall, White  
Tall, Purple

Sweet William  
Mixed  
Tansy  
Tradescantia Virginica  
Tricyrtus Hirta, Toad Lily  
Veronica Spicata Blue

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Anorpha Fruticosa  
Bignonia Radicans  
Boxwood  
Deutzia, Lemoine  
Euonymus Americana  
Variegated  
Forsythia Viridissima  
Glycine Frutes. Wisteria  
Hydrangea  
Arborescens Grandiflora  
Note: This is the splen-  
did Shrub advertised  
as Hills of Snow, the  
heads are globular and  
of large size.  
Ivy, English, Green  
Abbotsford variegated  
Lilac, white, also purple  
Mock Orange Sweet Scent-  
ed  
Pricel Berry, evergreen  
Rose, Crimson Rambler  
Lady Gay  
Double White Snow Drop  
Hiawatha  
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Dear Editor:

Your suggestion in the March number of the Magazine that "the Friend's Floral Corner bear a caption cut of the flower that readers \*\*\*\* may choose as the flower under which we will collectively rally," is so apropos that I think all Flora's followers who gather under the P. F. M. banner will approve of such a plan. Take the vote, Mr. Editor, and please do not keep the ballot-box open too long. Miss Spring is here, and the dear Corner needs a floral chapeau.

Kindly register my vote for the Laurel. According to the several "Languages of Flowers" which I have consulted, it typifies "Ambition, glory." What sentiment could be more universally appreciated, or needed? What is a life without ambition? mental stagnation, and very often, physical deterioration. A vegetative existence. Who wishes to be a sample of unhealthy vegetation, due to stagnant conditions? Nearly all of us crave glory whether or not we will admit the fact. It is natural to desire praise, renown, exaltation. The man or woman who is without this longing is an unpleasant person with whom to live. How many things seem kind, benevolent, generous, unselfish, when, in reality, the action is due to a desire to stand well in the opinion of others; to receive the praise and applause of friends and the public.

"The paths of glory lead but to the grave", the poet tells us; but, so do other paths also, and the grave is not the end of life, but the entrance to a higher and more wonderful phase of existence—an existence filled to over-

flowing with flowers of unfading beauty and undying loveliness.

One vote: choice—The Laurel. Instruct the tellers, Mr. Editor, not to overlook it when the final count is made.

Tryphena.

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Let us shake hands Azalea, I, too, am an anti-suffragette. Not because that I think we are lacking in good sense and judgment, but because I think we should be attending our homes and families. Yet, now since we can vote, let us either wake up and go farther than just simply cast our vote for the same old bunch, or perhaps elect a new one, to follow in the same old ruts. If we must vote, let us find out what we are voting for, and who. I believe we have women just as intelligent as any in the foreign countries, and just as capable of holding the high offices. If we have not, then why? Again I say, Sisters, wake up.

Wild Rose.

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alcohol applied with a feather or small pointed stick is the most effective way of killing the insect, when mere washing off of the foliage is not effective.

Wash the smooth surfaced leaves of plants that get dusty with water and ivory soap suds. Never use oil for this purpose.

When repotting (and plants should not be repotted that are growing vigorously and have developed white tender roots throughout the ball) use pots one size larger than the pot that the plant happens to be in at the time. Do not jump a number of sizes when it is deemed best to shift the plant into a larger container.—Editor.

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## FLORAL FRIENDS' CORNER.

Dear Floral Friends:

Only a flying visit to the monthly meeting; perhaps you will not let me in, since I am afflicted with a contagious malady whose scientific appellation is probably unspellable, but whose common name is house cleaning. One of the symptoms is a pre-occupied air, which insures a short stay at tea-parties.

Yes, thank you; if such is the case, I will enter. I rather suspected, though not from your conversation, that you all had it already, hence no necessity for quarantine.

Pæony, my Shamrock never grew large enough to show a reddish edge, but I think it would have one as it grew older. Mine was a lovely bright spring-like green; was sorry, indeed, to lose it.

Kinnikinnie, I am glad to meet a kindred spirit. The Scottish Bluebell is not in my collection, but there is a tall Bellflower whose blossoms are similar. Speaking of blue flowers, don't forget the Platycodon.

Irish Rose, your legend was new to me, but I know Malvina. She must have many admirers, for hers is, with the exception of Cathlin, now spelled Kathleen, the only feminine name I can recall that Ossian has introduced into our language. Musical names they are, too, Vinvela, Evir-Alin, Strinardona, Mellicoma, Dersagrena, Baura, yet they do not sound like freckled, cuddly little girls, so we'll name ours Malvina. Bell Heather.

I see Poppy, nobody named you a hardy house plant, why not try Polyantha or monthly Roses. They sure stand a low temperature; they want a cool room and sunny window. Clothilde Soupert is the grandest of them all, constantly in bloom from Xmas until June, and then you have to force it to rest. How many of you have raised an Agave from seed? I have a fine specimen raised from seed which I got in 1914; surely a fine plant. Last spring I got a half dozen Canna roots, all were grand, but a scarlet one beats all I have ever seen in Cannas; the foliage was plain, but oh, the flowers, it had four petals crosswise, and each individual flower measured seven inches across. Just imagine eight or ten flowers open at one time and new ones always coming. The clusters were as large as a man's hat, and the color such scarlet; it was a sight to behold. Cannas are certainly easy plants to grow. All they want is plenty of food. No insects bother them. So surely, Girls, start a Canna bed, and don't forget a pkt. of Nicotinia Affinis, if you have them once, you will never do without them again, it is the easiest Annual to grow; an evening bloomer, it takes a nap during the hot day, but at sundown it unfolds its snow-white starry flowers, laden with such exquisite perfume, equal to any high-priced Lily. It is also a self-seeder. Now I will close with best wishes to all, and to Chrysanthemum in particular for his birthday.

Azalea.

Many odd crosses are made with different plants, I have been growing a Tomato for the last two years called the Rex. This is said to be a cross between a Ponderosa and an Egg Plant. It is a fine variety and I like it better than any other kind I ever grew, it is almost without any acid and many people who cannot use Tomatoes on account of their acidity can eat freely of this variety. I had many that weighed 1 lb. each.

"Lita," California.



## FLORAGRAMS.

### Budding Roses.

There are some varieties of roses that grow very easily from cuttings while with others we find it hard to get them to strike root. I have a red rose that roots so easily that I am going to put in several dozen and later on bud to some of the kinds that are not easy to start. Budded roses give the finest blooms too, the bud should be put as close to the root as possible so that it can be covered with dirt and all sprouts kept off. It is very interesting to make some experiments and note the results. I have been experimenting in budding fruit trees and the results are most gratifying. For instance among some seedling apricots there was one that grew very thrifty, leaves unusually large and fruit superior to the other seedlings so have budded the others with buds taken from this tree and the results were amazing, truly. One little tree that was no account whatever now is so large and has made a wonderful growth and we are eagerly waiting to see if the fruit quality will match the leaf growth.

I saw an odd example in grafting recently. It was a Lobster Cactus grafted on Staphylea Variagata. A frame of sticks of umbrella shape was placed in the pot to hold up the Cactus branches, and when in bloom the drooping flowers showed off very beautifully. To do this cut a joint from the Cactus and make a slit in the top of the Staphylea and place the Cactus in the opening and fasten with a toothpick, bind a piece of moss on the graft and keep moist until it starts into growth.

These warm winter days make me think of what one visitor wrote of our sunny southland: "Where the Spring comes in summer, the summer comes in fall,

Where the fall comes in winter, we have no winter at all."

"Lita."

## FLORAL FRIENDS' CORNER.

### Friends of the Floral Corner:

I want to tell you how I am starting my Dahlias. I couldn't get boxes to suit, so I used an old dish pan and a big pot to plant them in, putting cinders in the bottom, then mixing garden dirt and wood's dirt and mixing in a little lime. I have fifteen varieties in these two pans on the little table by the window, where they get nearly all the day a good sunlight. Most all the tubers came with paper labels, so I tore up a split basket and made pieces half an inch wide by eight inches long, putting the name of the Dahlia on one end and sticking the other end in the ground by the tuber. The paper labels I'll keep for when I replant them in the garden. I'll put the number and location of the Dahlia named on the back of the label. I have what I bought for a true blue Dahlia and it is up nicely: I'll tell you what it's like when it blooms.

Peggy.

Dear Bertha N. Norris:

Can you hear me shout, I wonder, for I have found that "edging plant" so much desired by you and some others of our "band." It is just Parsley, the curly-leaved kind, called Emerald. I raise young plants each year and have them ready to set in the garden as early as possible. Set the plants rather closely together and you may use all the leaves you wish for garnishing and they will never be missed. Of course there are no "blossoms" on Parsley until the second year, when it bears and then dies, for Parsley is a biennial. Something else I have in my garden every year is Shirley Poppies, blooming among my Carrots. Oh, but they are lovely.

Schizanthus.

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to you of my flowers it would take most a whole day. Just now there are 50 varieties of Columbine in bloom double and single and Hybrid long spurred. My Iris beds are bordered with Columbine, I am cutting fine Iris by the arm full will later on tell you of these fine Iris, I am an Iris lover and have many fine varieties.

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